

To His Grace, Her Majesty's High Commissioner, and the Right Honourable, the Estates of Parliament, cup 21 g. 35/28

The ADDRESS of the Commissioners to the General Convention of the ROYAL BURROWS of this Ancient Kingdom, Convened the 29th of October last, upon the Great Concern of the Union, Proposed betwixt Scotland and England, for Concerting such Measures, as should be esteemed Proper for Them to take, with Relation to Their TRADE, and other Concerns.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,



HAT as by the CLAIM OF RIGHT, it is the Privilege of all Subjects to Petition: So at this Time, being mostly Impowered by Our CONSTITUENTS; and knowing the SENTIMENTS of the PEOPLE We Represent: It is Our Indispensible DUTY, to Signifie to Your Grace, and the Honourable Estates of Parliament, That as We are not against an Honourable and Safe Union with England, Consisting with the BEING OF THIS KINGDOM, and PARLIAMENTS Thereof: Without which, We conceive neither Our RELIGION, nor Our CIVIL INTERESTS and TRADE, as We Now, by LAW, Enjoy Them, can be Secured to Us, and Our Posterity, far less can We Expect to have the Condition of the PEOPLE of SCOTLAND, with Relation to These Great Concerns, made Better and Improven, without a SCOTS PARLIAMENT.

AND, Seing by the Articles of Union, now under the Consideration of the Honourable Estates of Parliament, It is Agreed, That SCOTLAND and England shall be United into One Kingdom; and that the United Kingdoms be United by One and the Same Parliament: By which, Our MONARCHY is Supprest, Our PARLIAMENTS Extinguished; and in Consequence, Our RELIGION, CHURCH-GOVERNMENT, CLAIM OF RIGHT, LAWS, LIBERTIES, TRADE, and All that is Dear to Us, Daily in Danger of being Encroached upon, Altered, or wholly Subverted by the English, in a British-Parliament: Wherein, the Mean Representation Allowed for SCOTLAND, can never Signifie in Securing to US the INTEREST Reserved by US, or granted to US by the English.

And by these Articles, Our Poor PEOPLE are made liable to the English Taxes, which is a certain unsupportable Burden; Considering, That the Trade Proposed is Uncertain, Involved, and wholly Precarious: Especially, when Regulated as to Export and Import by the Laws of England, and under the same Prohibitions and Restrictions, Customs, and Duties. And considering, That the most considerable Branches of Our TRADE, are differing from those of England; and are, and may be yet more Discouraged by their Laws; And that all the Concerns of TRADE and OUR INTEREST, are, after the Union, Subject to such Alterations, as the Parliament of Great Britain shall think fit.

WE Therefore Supplicate your Grace and the Honourable Estates of Parliament; And do Assuredly Expect, that ye will not Conclude such an Incorporate Union, as is contained in the Articles Proposed: But that ye will Support and Maintain the TRUE REFORMED PROTESTANT RELIGION and CHURCH GOVERNMENT, as by Law Established, The SOVERAIGNTIE and INDEPENDENCY of this CROWN and KINGDOM, and the RIGHTS and PRIVILEGES of PARLIAMENT, Which has been Generously Asserted by you, in the Session of this Present PARLIAMENT: And do further Pray, that Effectual Means may be used for Defeating the Designs and Attempts of all Popish Pretenders whatsoever, to the Succession of this CROWN and KINGDOM; And for Securing this NATION against all the ATTEMPTS and INCROACHMENTS that may be made by any Persons whatsoever, upon the SOVERAIGNTIE RELIGION, LAWS, LIBERTIES, TRADE and QUIET of the Same. And WE Promise to Maintain with Our Lives and Fortunes, all these Valuable Things, in opposition to all POPISH and other Enemies whatsoever, according to Our LAWS and CLAIM OF RIGHT.